

Paleontology of the Oligocene of the Chehalis Valley, Washington.

By KATHERINE E. H. VAN WINKLE. (Seattle: University of Washington Publications in Geology. 1918. Pp. 69 to 97 in Volume I., No. 2.)

The paper records the results of investigations made by the author in the years 1916 and 1917. The work is highly technical. Twenty-two new species of prehistoric creatures are described and figured. Miss Van Winkle should be congratulated on having made a distinct addition to the scientific literature of the State.

A Statistical Study of American Cities. By Students of Reed College under the direction of Professor William Fielding Ogburn. (Portland, Oregon: Reed College. 1917. Pp. 41.)

In this social service study eighteen categories were applied to thirty-six American cities. The categories were as follows: Wage rates, cost of living, death rates, infant mortality rates, population married, church membership, child labor, parks, pavement, fire loss, public properties, library books, school attendance, school property, teachers' salaries, pupils to teacher, illiteracy, spoken English.

In the final summary of the results Seattle is shown at the head of the list. This is construed as meaning that by statistical computation Seattle is the best home city in America.

Opening the West with Lewis and Clark. By EDWIN J. SABIN. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. 1917. Pp. 278. \$1.25 net.)

The great American epic is here told once more. This time it is in the form of a story for boys and appears in The Trail Blazers Series, along with such books as "With Sam Houston in Texas," "Gold Seekers of '49" and others by the same author. No claim is made that new materials have been used. The illustrations are by Charles H. Stephens.

Marches of the Dragoons in the Mississippi Valley. By LOUIS PELZER. (Iowa City: State Historical Society of Iowa. 1917. Pp. 282.)

The author in his preface gives the reader prompt notice of what his book is planned to cover:—"Three regiments of dragoons have appeared upon the military rosters of the United States. The First Regiment of Dragoons—the subject of this volume—existed from March 2, 1833, to August 3, 1861. Until about 1850 this unit served

largely in the Mississippi Valley in the work of frontier defense, garrison duty, treaty negotiations, marches, expeditions, patrol duty, exploration, and in the enforcement of federal laws."

Chapter XV. is entitled "The Campaign to California," in which is told General Stephen W. Kearny's participation in the conquest of California, 1846-1847.

Publications of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Edited by ALBERT WATKINS. (Lincoln: The Society. 1917. Pp. 449.)

The editor of this annual volume has a chapter called "Neapolis, Near-Capital," in which interesting references are made to the case when Oregon changed its capital from Oregon City to Salem (1851-1852) before the creation of Washington. While it is only incidental to the story of Nebraska experiences, it is curious now to read of their efforts to involve the records as a legal precedent.

The History of Europe from 1862 to 1914. By LUCIUS HUDSON HOLT and ALEXANDER WHEELER CHILTON. (New York: The Macmillan Company. 1917. Pp. 661. \$2.60.)

Readers in all parts of America will be interested in this book on account of its authors and its point of view. Lieutenant-Colonel Holt is professor of history and Captain Chilton is instructor in history, both in the United States Military Academy, West Point. This narrative commences with the beginning of the chancellorship of Bismarck and comes down to the beginning of the present great war. They stress international relations and military developments. The soldier is a dominant figure in humanity's life at this moment. This book is a soldierly interpretation of the greatest crisis in history.

Other Books Received

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION. *Annual Report for 1915.* (Washington. 1917.)

FLEMING, S. E. *Civics: Supplement for Seattle, King County, Washington.* (Seattle: The Public Schools. 1918. Pp. 76.)

ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. *Transactions, 1916.* (Springfield: State Historical Library. 1917. Pp. 185.)

UNITED STATES CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY. *Historical Records and Studies, Volume 11, 1917.* (New York: The Society, 1917.)

WASHINGTON IRRIGATION INSTITUTE. *Proceedings of the Fifth Annual Meeting, 1917.* (Yakima: R. H. Hayden, Secretary. 1918. Pp. 168.)